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| **CHAPTER =**  Jamal was again dreaming of playing soccer when Bibi awakened him.  Three days on the island and no mention of landmines.  People were running towards the jetty. Jamal thought he must have still been dreaming as he saw Omar hugging a big family. He explained that they were the ones he had attached himself to in the camp. Next Jamal saw his parents standing on the jetty. The warship had rescued them after all. |
| **CHAPTER =**  Rashida told Jamal that the warship had searched for hours for survivors, they had tried really hard but without success. She said that she was sorry but she wanted them to know they still had her. |
| **CHAPTER =**  Jamal tried to organise a rescue boat for the people. He asked the sailors to hurry but with little response.  He thought they did not understand his language so he drew a picture in the dirt. One of the sailors took the stick and drew another picture showing that in fact they were on an island off the coast of Australia but not as yet in Australia. |
| **CHAPTER =**  Jamal was lying on the soccer pitch trying to decide what to do next when Omar called to him. He told Jamal that his parents had not been on the  other boat, they had really died when he was two. He had attached himself to a big family at the camp and people thought he was with them.  He knew little of his parents but he knew his ancestors were thieves. One had had his hands cut off for stealing.  Jamal remembered Omar trying to steal his soccer ball but also remembered him saving it from the harbour and stopping Bibi from attacking the pirates. ‘Omar might think he is a thief but it is never that simple.’(p172) Jamal told Omar of his ancestors and decided that he was a bit of both. |
| **CHAPTER =**  Jamal talked to Andrew and asked why they had not been taken to Australia. Andrew explained that the government had had a change of policy. He said that he was sorry for the way the people were being treated. Jamal told him not to worry that everything would be all right.  Through the window he could see his family walking on the beach. ‘I know this isn’t really Australia, but it feels like Australia to me.’(p181) |
| **CHAPTER =**  They hugged. Jamal said that it was not really Australia but his parents did not seem surprised. ‘We’re together. You’re safe. That is all I care about.’(p176)  They introduced Omar and Rashida to their parents. They then told them of their plan to be soccer stars in Australia and save Afghanistan.  Their parents cried. |